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James G. Kellis, ex-CIA officer who is the Oakland County Democratic candidate for Congress, has taken his misgivings about U.S. intelligence and security to President Eisenhower—for what he says is the second time.

In his letter, Kellis said the U-2 incident and the performance of pilot Francis Powers as well as the defection of two national security agents have caused considerable concern among Americans.

He ties them to earlier criticisms, that U.S. intelligence did not know in advance of the 1950 invasion of South Korea, the development of a thermonuclear weapon in Russia, the British-French attack on Suez, events in Cuba and Turkey.

Kellis said, "a quick review of the Powers incident and the defection of the NSA employees may suggest that we have failed in our selection, training, and security screening of some of our personnel." Kellis again criticized the performance of Allen Dulles, head of the Central Intelligence Agency.

He said, "for the past few weeks, Mr. Dulles has been advocating that a course in the theory and practice of Communism be introduced in American schools. Although he is aware of this need, he failed to consider the requirement in the selection of Mr. Powers and worse, he failed to provide this training while Mr. Powers was employed by his agency."

Kellis called on Mr. Eisenhower to appoint a tough-minded committee to survey all U.S. intelligence operations. He said the CIA needs remodeling "as was done with the FBI, when J. Edgar Hoover took over a faltering and inept operation."

Kellis wrote the President, "in 1954 Brig. Gen. John N. Robinson and I submitted a memorandum to you in which we criticized the operation of our intelligence and security agencies. We made suggestions for improvement.

"It has been a serious disappointment to me that the intelligence and security agencies were never given the required overhauling which would raise them to the standard of the British and Soviet intelligence. This is a major factor which led to my resignation as an Air Force colonel and my candidacy for the House of Representatives."

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